



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

June 1, 2011

TO: Mayor Michael D. Antonovich
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Don Knabe

FROM: Russ Guiney
Director

SUBJECT: **RESPONSE TO MOTION OF MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH FOR
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING OF MAY 10, 2011,
AGENDA ITEM 11**

As directed in the motion by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich on the Board of Supervisors Meeting of May 10, 2011, the Department has met with County Counsel and together we have reviewed the operating agreement with the Arboretum Foundation.

It is clear that the Foundation was acting within the scope of its delegated authority when its Board of Directors recently voted to negotiate with a new contractor for musical performances at the Arboretum beginning in the summer of 2012.

However, there are other areas of the agreement which we have determined need to be updated, expanded or enhanced. We have already met with the Foundation on a number of occasions to discuss expanding responsibilities in areas such as managing capital improvements and fee collections.

We plan to further discuss and refine these and other issues and have them reviewed by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office and will bring a more extensive list of possible operating agreement changes to the Board within the next six months.

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